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**PRIOR OFFENDER INDICTED FOR RECEIVING, POSSESSING
AND DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO -- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging JOSHUA KLOMP, 31, of Butte County, California, with receiving, possessing and distributing material involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Paradise Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kymberly A. Smith, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that the defendant used a peer-to-peer Internet network program to make available to others, images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Numerous images of child pornography also were seized from the defendant's bedroom during the execution of a search warrant of KLOMP's residence located in Paradise, California.

KLOMP was convicted in 1994 for lewd and lascivious behavior in violation of California Penal Code § 288A, involving the sexual assault of two minor boys, ages 2 and 5.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for receiving and distributing material involving the sexual exploitation of minors is 20 years imprisonment, a mandatory minimum term of five years imprisonment, and a fine of \$250,000. The maximum term of imprisonment for possession of one or more matters containing depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct is ten years, and a fine of \$250,000.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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